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SUBJECT: SOVIET GENERAL DEFENDS AND EXPLAINS CD EFFORT

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: JAN 19 ISSUE OF LITGAZ CONTAINS
INTERVIEW OF SOVIET ARMY GENERAL A.I. RADZIYEVSKIY,
CHIEF OF FRUNZE MILITARY ACADEMY, IN WHICH HE ATTACKS

U.S. "HAWKS" AND, INTER ALIA, DEFENDS SOVIET CIVIL DEFENSE EFFORT AS NORMAL AND PROPER ACTIVITY WHICH SHOULD NOT BE USED IN U.S. TO JUSTIFY HIGHER MILITARY EXPENDITURES. HE ADMITS INCREASED CD ACTIVITIES SINCE 1972, BUT EXPLAINS THEM IN TERMS OF NEW TASKS LEVIED ON CD FORCES IN NON-DEFENSE RELATED AREAS. END SUMMARY.

2. MAIN THRUST OF LITGAZ ARTICLE IS TO ATTACK AND REFUTE U.S. "HAWKS" IN MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHO ARE STRIVING TO INCREASE U.S. MILITARY BUDGET BY CITING "MYTHICAL" SOVIET THREAT. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT U.S. PRESS REPORTS OF INCREASED SOVIET CD ACTIVITY SINCE 1972 ABM TREATY, RADZIYEVSKIY SAYS BASIS PURPOSES OF SOVIET CD REMAIN SAME, TO PROTECT CIVILIAN POPULATION AND ENSURE STABILITY OF ECONOMY DURING AND AFTER ATTACK. IN 1972, HOWEVER, CD FORCES WERE FACED WITH "NEW TASKS NOT CONNECTED WITH WARFARE," HE EXPLAINS. HE CITES PROTECTION AGAINST FOREST FIRES NEAR POPULATED AREAS AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AS AREAS WHERE CD FORCES ARE CAPABLE OF MEETING REQUIREMENTS TO PROTECT POPULATION AND INDUSTRY.

3. THESE NEW EFFORTS, HE CLAIMS, ARE NOT UNUSUAL AND WERE KNOWN BEFORE 1976 WHEN THEY WERE SEIZED UPON BY THOSE IN U.S. INTERESTED IN RAISING THE AMERICAN DEFENSE BUDGET. LEON GOURE'S AND EVANS AND NOVAK'S FIGURES ON SOVIET EFFORT IN CD, HE ASSERTS, ARE "PURELY CONCOCTED," AND ARE NOT BELIEVABLE EXCEPT BY THOSE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING MILITARY BUDGETS. AUTHOR RECALLS HEAVY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST AND PRESENT U.S. EFFORTS IN CD WHICH, HE CLAIMS, ARE STILL INCREASING AND NOTES THESE WERE NEVER CITED BY SOVIETS AS OBSTACLE TO PEACE OR FURTHER ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS. THUS, HE SAYS, ATTEMPTS TO INTERPRET SOVIET CD MEASURES AS INSURMOUNTABLE OBSTACLES TO SALT ARE "LAUGHABLE." AS FOR ABM TREATY, CD IN BOTH COUNTRIES HAD BEEN DEVELOPING LONG BEFORE ABM; CD MEASURES ARE NOT "DIRECTLY RELATED" TO THE TREATY.

4. COMMENT. THIS ANOTHER DIRECT REBUTTAL IN SOVIET PRESS AGAINST THOSE IN U.S. WHO CLAIM SOVIET CD EFFORTS HAVE STRATEGIC MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE (SEE REFTELS). MOST INTERESTING ADMISSION IS THAT "NEW TASKS" IN DISASTER RELIEF HAVE BEEN LEVIED ON CD FORCES SINCE 1972 AND ATTEMPT TO PORTRAY THIS AS EXPLANATION FOR AN ADMITTED INCREASE IN ACTIVITY IN CD FIELD. TOON

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